Solidarity Scholarships 2020
Regulations

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1. Premise
Considering that:
   a. members of the USI community have expressed their desire to establish annual scholarships to help students who, due to COVID-19 pandemic, found themselves in a difficult situation,
   b. USI manages some of the scholarships granted to its students by external foundations, associations and private individuals,

the Solidarity Scholarships Fund 2020 has been set up with the following Regulation.

2. Financing
The funding comes from donations made by members of the academic community, external institutions and private individuals.

3. Scholarship recipients and conditions
The amount collected is aimed at Bachelor and Master students, who will either begin studying at USI in September 2020 or whose studies are already in progress, in the form of scholarships covering the tuition fees.

4. Decision-making bodies for the assignment of scholarships

4.1 The USI Scholarship Working Group, composed of
   - Pro-rector for Education and Students’ experience
   - Adjunct Administrative Director
   - Administrative Secretary for scholarships,
   processes the scholarship applications and submits a proposal for assignment.

4.2 The Solidarity Scholarships 2020 Honorary Committee, composed of
   - Manuele Bertoli, Councilor of State and Director of the Department of Education, Culture and Sport (DECS) of the Canton of Ticino
   - Carlo Croci, Chairman of the board at Raiffeisen Mendrisio e Valle di Muggio and USI’s honorary member
   - Marco Fantoni, Director of Caritas Ticino
   - Stefano Modenini, Director of AITI Associazione Industrie Ticinesi
   - Daniela Mondini, USI’s Pro-Rector for Research in the Humanities and Equal Opportunities,
   approves the assignment proposals and ensures compliance with the Regulations.
5. **Conditions for obtaining a scholarship**

- Proven modest economic conditions of the family; the assessment will be made on the basis of the economic situation of the candidate and his/her parents, proven by the last income tax certificate and/or by the proven explanation of events subsequent to the last tax notification.
- High academic grades.
- As a rule, candidates cannot be over 30 years of age and the awarding committee will take into account whether or not a candidate is already benefitting from another scholarship.

6. **Types and amount of scholarships**

I type: annual tuition fee (4000 / 8000 CHF) or partial  
II type: livelihood, in exceptional cases  
Renewals are not guaranteed to applicants.

7. **Method of payment of the scholarship**

As a rule, the scholarships cover the tuition fee.

8. **Observations**

In order to ensure an appropriate distribution of scholarships, the needs of the study programmes and faculties will also be taken into account as well as the potential requests made by donors, provided that these requests are not of a personal nature. The working group may suggest that part of the fund be carried over to the next academic year.

9. **Scholarship application**

Applications, along with all of the mandatory documents, must be submitted through the appropriate online form available on the USI website by July 15th, 2020. The USI Scholarship Working Group may decide to accept requests submitted after the application deadline.

10. **Scholarship outcome**

All the applicants will be informed of the outcome of their requests within a month from the application deadline.

11. **Suspension of the scholarship**

The scholarship can be immediately suspended if its beneficiary decides to withdraw from the studies at USI or doesn’t attend lectures regularly.

12. **Non-applicability of the scholarship**

Scholarships cannot be awarded for the periods during which students are exempt from paying the tuition fees.